

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JEFFREY RYAN FENTON,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	No. 1:23-cv-1097
-v-)	
)	Honorable Paul L. Maloney
VIRGINIA LEE STORY, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
Defendants.)	
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**ORDER VACATING ORDER OF REFERRAL AND DISMISSING MOTION
FOR RECUSAL**

Shortly after Plaintiff Fenton filed this lawsuit, the Court issued an order referring the action to Magistrate Judge Kent (ECF No. 6). Magistrate Judge Kent has since issued a report and recommendation (ECF No. 8) and a number of other orders resolving nondispositive motions.

Plaintiff disagreed with the manner in which Magistrate Judge Kent has proceeded and filed a motion for recusal (ECF No. 60) in which he accuses the Magistrate Judge of a lack of impartiality.

Without any consideration of the merits of the pending motion for recusal, the Court **VACATES** the order of referral (ECF No. 6). And, because the Court vacates the order of referral, the Court **DISMISSES** Plaintiff's motion for recusal as moot (ECF No. 60). **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: September 12, 2024

/s/ Paul L. Maloney
Paul L. Maloney
United States District Judge